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I.

The Meeting of the General Assembly.

Edinburgh, Thursday *the Eighth Day of* May 1746.
Ante meridiem, Sess. 1.

WHICH Day, after Sermon by Doctor *William Wishart*, Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*, Moderator of the last General Assembly, the Ministers and Ruling Elders Commissioners from Presbyteries, Burghs and Universities to the General Assembly of this National Church, did conveen in the Assembly-house, and, after Prayer by the said Principal *Wishart*, the Names of the said Commissioners were read out from their several Commissions, and a Roll made up by the Sub-clerk was laid before the Assembly.

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The King's Commiſſion to Alexander *Earl of* Leven *produced, and ordered to be recorded.*

Edinburgh, Friday May 16th 1746. *Ante merid. Seſſ.* 4.

THIS Day the General Aſſembly being conveened, there was produced to them, by the Right Honourable *Alexander* Earl of *Leven*, His Majeſty's Commiſſion, ſealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and uſed in *Scotland* in place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and conſtituting him His Majeſty's High Commiſſioner and Repreſentative in this Aſſembly; which Commiſſion being publickly read, with all due Honour and Reſpect, was appointed to be recorded in the Books of Aſſembly: The Tenor whereof follows.

GEORGIUS, Dei gratia, Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex, fidei Defenſor: Omnibus probis hominibus ad quos præſentes literæ Noſtræ pervenerint, ſalutem. Quandoquidem Nos conſiderantes quod Generalis Eccleſiæ Scotiæ Conventus in decimum ſextum diem menſis Maii, proxime futuri, convenire ordinatus fuit: Noſque etiam abunde cupidi, quin etiam neceſſarium eſſe judicantes, in commodum dictæ Eccleſiæ, ut idem Generalis Eccleſiæ Conventus die ſtatuto debite obſervetur, atq; rebus magni momenti. Nos alio vocantibus, dicto conventui perſonaliter intereſſe nequimus; et per multa teſtimonia Nobis abunde ſatisfactum ſit de ſufficientia et fidelitate fideliſſimi et dilectiſſimi noſtri conſanguinei Alexandri Comitis de Leven, quod ad ſummum munus poſtea mentionatum, rite exercendum et obeundum, uſquequaque ſit inſtructus et idoneus: Noveritis igitur Nos nominaſſe, conſtituiſſe et ordinaſſe, ſicuti tenore præſentium nominamus, conſtituimus et ordinamus, antedictum Alexandrum Comitem de Leven, ſupremum Noſtrum Commiſſionarium ad effectum poſtea mentionatum, Dando pariter, et concedendo illi pleniſſimam Noſtram Poteſtatem, Commiſſionem et Warrantum, ſacram Noſtram Perſonam, et authoritatem regalem repræſentandi, necnon præſentiam Noſtram ſupplendi, et locum noſtrum in dicto ſubſequenti Generali Conventu tanquam Commiſſionario Noſtro in hunc effectum ſpecialiter conſtituto tenendi; omniaque alia ad imperium et munus Commiſſionarii pro Generali Eccleſiæ Conventu peragendi, tam plene, adeoque libere in quovis reſpectu, quam quilibet alius ejuſdem ſummi muneris fecerat, ſeu quovis tempore præterito facere potuerat, et ac ſi Nos ipſi perſonaliter præſentes facere potuerimus: Quæque omnia et ſingula a dicto Alexandro Comite de Leven, in hac Noſtra com-

commissione prosequenda, legittime fecerit, seu fieri ordinaverit, Nos firmiter approbamus et habituri sumus. Omnibus et singulis insuper ante dictæ Ecclesiæ et Conventus Pastoribus et Presbyteris, cæterisque quibuscunque infra illam partem Magnæ Britanniæ Scotiam vocatam subditis nostris, cujuscunque gradus seu qualitatis, ut dictum Alexandrum Comitem de Leven, tanquam supremum Nostrum Commissionarium, quoad effectum et modum supra mentionatum, revereantur, agnoscant, et dicto ipsius audientes se præbeant, stricte mandamus et imperamus; atque hanc Nostram Commissionem decimo sexto die mensis Maii proxime futuri incipere ac deinceps hac subsequenti sessione dicti Generalis Conventus in vigore continuare declaramus, vel usque dum a nobis revocabitur et exonerabitur: In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum Nostrum per Unionis tractatum custodiendum, et in Scotia vice et loco magni sigilli ejusdem utendum, ordinatum, præsentibus appendi mandavimus. Apud Aulam Nostram, apud St. James's trigesimo die mensis Aprilis, millesimo septingentesimo quadragesimo sexto, regnique nostri anno decimo nono.

Per signaturam manu S. D. N. Regis suprascript.

Sealed at *Edinburgh*, this fifteenth Day of *May*, One thousand seven hundred and forty-six Years.
ARCH. CAMPBELL.

Written to the Seal, and registred the fifteenth Day of *May*, One thousand seven hundred and forty-six.
ALEX. CAMPBELL *Dept.*

III.

The King's most Gracious LETTER *to the General Assembly, presented to them by His Majesty's Commissioner.*

Edinburgh, May 16th 1746. *Sess.* 4.

GEORGE R.

RIGHT trusty and Well beloved, We greet you well. The Experience we have at all Times had, and the fresh Proofs you have given, on Occasion of the present unnatural Rebellion, of your steady Attachment to our Person and Government, and of your Zeal for the Support of the Protestant Succession, engage us to return you our hearty Thanks: And we do most readily countenance, with our Royal Authority, your Meeting at this Time, not doubting but you will continue to give us Marks of your Loyalty and Affection to us, by exciting the People under your Charge to a due Sense of the Blessings they enjoy under our Government; and to a just Abhor-

horrence of the pernicious Deſigns of thoſe who have endeavoured to overturn our moſt-holy Religion, to ſubvert the Laws and Conſtitution of this Kingdom, and to introduce Popery and arbitrary Power.

We have again made Choice of our right truſty and entirely beloved Couſin, *Alexander* Earl of *Leven*, to be our Commiſſioner, and to repreſent our Perſon in this Aſſembly; who, from his known Zeal for our Service, his firm Adherence to the true Intereſt of his Country, and the Fidelity and Prudence with which he has already diſcharged this important Truſt, we are perſuaded will be acceptable to you. We do on this Occaſion repeat to you the Aſſurances of our unalterable Reſolution to maintain the eſtabliſhed Church of *Scotland*, in the Poſſeſſion of all their juſt Rights and Privileges: And, as we promiſe ourſelves, by the Bleſſing of Almighty God, that a ſpeedy and effectual End will be put to the Rebellion; the Peace and Tranquillity of the Country reſtored, and all our Subjects again made happy in the full Enjoyment of their civil and religious Rights; We have the firmeſt Reliance on your doing every thing on your Parts, that may contribute to the attaining of theſe deſirable Ends. And ſo we bid you heartily farewel.

Given at our Court at St. *James's*, the thirtieth Day of *April*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and forty ſix, in the nineteenth Year of our Reign.

By his Majeſty's Command,

HOLIES NEWCASTLE.

IV.

The General Aſſembly's Anſwer to the King's moſt Gracious Letter

Edinburgh, the 17th *May* 1746. *Seſſ.* 9.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

IT is with unſpeakable Joy, we received Your Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter. As our Attachment to Your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion in Your Royal Family, is the Effect of Principle, Duty and Intereſt; ſo Your Majeſty's great Condeſcenſion, in taking Notice of our Conduct during the preſent wicked and unnatural Rebellion, and in putting ſo high an Honour upon us, as to give us Thanks for doing what

we were unqueſtionably bound to do, we look upon as a great Proof of that diſtinguiſhing Goodneſs which makes ſo bright a Part of your princely Character. The Security of our Religion and Liberty is ſo cloſely interwoven with the Stability of Your Throne, that we can claim no Merit, when we fall in with our unqueſtionable Duty.

The ready Countenance which Your Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to give to our Meeting at this Time, cannot fail to animate us to give all poſſible Evidences of our unſhaken Loyalty and inviolable Affection to Your Majeſty; and particularly, by exciting the People under our Charge, to a due Senſe of the Bleſſings they enjoy under the beſt Government, together with a juſt Abhorrence of the worſt, and of all the pernicious Deſigns, which tend to ſubvert our holy Religion and good Laws, in order to introduce Popery and arbitrary Power.

We eſteem the Choice Your Majeſty has again made of the Earl of *Leven*, to repreſent Your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, as another Inſtance of Your Majeſty's Goodneſs to the Church of *Scotland*: His known Zeal for Your Majeſty's Service, his firm Adherence on all Occaſions to the true Intereſt of his Country, and eſpecially during its late calamitous State, his great Affection to this Church, and the many and recent Proofs given of his eminent Abilities for diſcharging this high Truſt, render Your Majeſty's Choice of him moſt acceptable to us.

The repeated Aſſurance of Your Majeſty's unalterable Reſolution to maintain the Church of *Scotland* in the Poſſeſſion of all her juſt Rights and Privileges, is a further Proof of Your Majeſty's Royal Favour, and under GOD the great Security againſt the Invaſions of thoſe who are equally diſaffected to the Crown and this Church. As we do entirely confide in the Aſſurances Your Majeſty gives us, ſo they cannot but prompt us to exert ourſelves in making all the Returns of Gratitude and Duty in our Power.

When we reflect upon the diſmal Scene of Blood, Rapine and Oppreſſion which ſo lately fill'd this Land with Horror; when we view our happy Conſtitution lately threatned with Deſtruction, and our Religion and Liberty ready to be offered up Victims to Superſtition and Tyranny; and now have the happy Proſpect of ſeeing a ſpeedy and effectual End put to the preſent Rebellion, the Peace of our Country reſtored, and Your Majeſty's Subjects again fully poſſeſſed of their Civil and Religious Rights: We cannot but offer our ſincere and humble Thanks to Almighty GOD through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt for ſuch ineſtimable Bleſſings, and contribute every thing in our

Power

Power for attaining these desireable Ends. We must ascribe our present Tranquillity, under the Divine Providence, to Your Majesty's Care, Vigilance and wise Administration, and to the Conduct and Valour of Your Heroic Son, Prince WILLIAM Duke of *Cumberland*, our second Deliverer, and Restorer of those Blessings procured us by another glorious Prince of that Name at the late happy Revolution.

Your Majesty having been graciously pleased, by Your High Commissioner, to signify Your Royal Intention of continuing Your pious Donation in order to reform the barbarous Parts of our Country, whereof some have lately made the most unworthy Requital; engages us by the strongest Tyes to return Your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks, and to promise our continued Care to manage this Royal Donation in such Manner, as may best answer the good Ends proposed by Your Majesty.

That Your Majesty may be always under the Divine Care, and long preserved for the Defence of our holy Religion and the Happiness of all Your Subjects: That their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, with their Issue, and all Your Royal Family may be highly favoured of GOD, and made public Blessings to their Country: That Almighty GOD may make his Royal Highness the Duke an eminent Instrument under Your Majesty, for repressing the Insolence of arbitrary Power and Tyranny, and vindicating the Liberties of *Europe* in general, and of Your Majesty's Dominions in particular: That He may direct Your Councils, and prosper your Majesty's Arms both by Sea and Land with remarkable Success: That a speedy End may be put to this unnatural Rebellion, Peace and Order restored, and the Seeds of Disloyalty may be for ever rooted out of the Minds of Your Majesty's Subjects; and that the Crown may descend in your Royal Protestant Line to latest Posterity: Are, and shall be the hearty Prayers of,

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

JOHN LUMSDEN Moderator.

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Congratulatory Address to his Majesty, upon the Victory obtained by his Army, under Command of his Royal Highness the DUKE *of* Cumberland, *over the Rebels in this Country.*

Edinburgh, May 19th 1746. *Sess.* 6.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble ADDRESS of the General Assembly of the Church of SCOTLAND, met at *Edinburgh*, the Nineteenth Day of *May* 1746.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the General Assembly of the Church of *Scotland*, beg Leave to approach Your Throne, with sincere Expressions of our utmost Detestation of the present wicked and unnatural Rebellion, to testify our unfeigned Thanks to the Almighty, and to congratulate Your Majesty on the happy Success of Your Arms, by which we have the greatest Hopes of seeing a solid and lasting Peace quickly re-established in Your Kingdoms, and Your loyal Subjects restored to the full Enjoyment of all their just Rights and Privileges.

The gloomy Prospect lately set before our Eyes, by the ungrateful Disturbers of Your Majesty's mild and just Government, makes us reflect with Horror on the pernicious Plot contrived by the Policy, and fomented by the Power and Interest, of the avowed Enemies of our Country, its Religion, Laws and Liberties, and of the Balance of Power in *Europe*.

It raises our Astonishment and Indignation, that any who have tasted of the manifold Blessings of Your indulgent Administration, should have attempted to exchange their Religion and Liberty, for Tyranny and lawless Power, Superstition and Slavery; and, by violating the most solemn Obligations of Oaths and Tyes of Gratitude, become Tools to the declared Enemies of their native Country.

Now that we are, by the good Providence of GOD, ſhelter'd under the Protection of your auſpicious Government, from the Storm that threatned our happy Conſtitution; We behold, with Pleaſure, the remarkable Succeſs of Your Majeſty's Arms, under the wiſe Conduct, and by the intrepid Valour of Your Heroick Son the DUKE, diſpelling the Cloud, and defeating the Rebels, who, hopeleſs of eſcaping the Vengeance of Your victorious Arms, ſink under their own Confuſion.

Great Sir, It affords us the higheſt Satisfaction to obſerve, that, notwithſtanding the Calamities of our Country, and the traiterous Practices of too many of our infatuated Countrymen, the Miniſters of this Church have, by Divine Grace, manifeſted a firm zealous Attachment to Your Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and as it is our Duty, ſo it is our unalterable Reſolution, to perſevere in our Loyalty to Your Majeſty, and ſteady Adherence to the Proteſtant Succeſſion in Your Royal Family; and it ſhall be our conſtant Prayer to GOD, that he may unite the Minds of all Your Subjects into a juſt Senſe of the Happineſs they enjoy under the beſt of Kings.

May the ſame Providence, that has hitherto preſerved Your ſacred Perſon, and protected Your Dominions, continue to watch over Your Majeſty and Your Royal Family, for a Bleſſing to all Proteſtant Churches, and the peculiar Happineſs of Your Subjects.

Signed in our Name, in our Preſence, and at our Appointment, by

JO. LUMSDEN *Moderator.*

VI.

Congratulatory Letter to his Royal Highneſs WILLIAM *Duke of* Cumberland.

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1746. *Seſſ.* 7.

SIR,

THAT the General Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland* has met at this Time in a State of Peace and Security, exceeding our greateſt Hopes, is, under GOD, owing to His Majeſty's Wiſdom and Goodneſs, in ſending your Royal Highneſs, and to your generous Reſolution in coming to be the Deliverer of this Church and Nation; we might therefore be juſtly charged with Ingratitude to the glo-

glorious Instrument of Divine Providence, if we neglected to pay your Royal Highness our most humble and thankful Acknowledgments for that Happiness we enjoy.

As for some Months past, the many Fatigues you endured, and the alarming Dangers you ran, in pursuing an ungrateful and rebellious Crew, filled our Minds with the greatest Pain; so the compleat Victory now obtained over them, by the Bravery of your Royal Father's Troops, led on by your wise Conduct, and animated by your Heroick Example, gives us the highest Joy.

Every loyal Subject, every sincere Lover of the Religion, Laws and Liberty of his Country, is ready to express his just Gratitude to your Royal Highness, by whom these inestimable Blessings are preserved to us: The Church of *Scotland* are under peculiar Obligations to offer their most thankful Acknowledgments to Almighty GOD, who has raised you up to be the brave Defender of your Royal Father's Throne, the happy Restorer of our Peace, and at this Time Guardian of all our sacred and civil Interests.

The many Instances of your favourable Regard to the Ministers of the Church of *Scotland*, and of that intire Confidence you have placed in us, ever since this Part of *Great Britain* has been blessed with your Presence, must for ever excite us to give the strongest Proofs, that we have not been unworthy of that Countenance you have been pleased to give us, and of that Trust with which you have honoured us.

That the LORD of Hosts, who has hitherto covered your Head in bloody Battles, may still guard your precious Life, amidst those Dangers to which you may be yet exposed in leading Armies against the common Invaders of the Liberties of *Europe*, and crown you with the same glorious Success over our Enemies abroad, which you have obtained over Traitors at home: That your illustrious Name, so dear to us, may be transmitted still with greater Glory to latest Posterity; and that you may share at last in that eternal Happiness and Glory, bestowed by the Divine Mercy in a distinguished Manner, upon those who have been eminent Examples of Virtue, and the happy Instruments of communicating publick Blessings to Mankind, are, and shall be the Prayers of,

May it please your Royal Highness,

Your most obliged, most obedient, and most humble Servants,

The Ministers and Elders met in a General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, Presence, and at our Appointment, by

JO. LUMSDEN *Moderator.*

VII.

ACT and Overture about the licenſing Probationers for the holy Miniſtery.

Edinburgh, May 22d, 1746. *Seſſ.* 9.

THE General Aſſembly do tranſmit to the ſeveral Presbyteries, the Act and Overture about licenſing Probationers, formerly tranſmitted by laſt and preceeding General Aſſemblies, to be conſidered by them: And the ſaid Presbyteries are hereby required to ſend up their Opinion thereupon to the next General Aſſembly; and, in the mean time, the Aſſembly appoints that the ſame continue to have the Force of an Act for another Year.

VIII.

ACT and Recommendation about the Manner of Singing of Pſalms.

Edinburgh, May 22d, 1746. *Seſſ.* 9.

THE General Aſſembly do recommend to private Families, that in their religious Exerciſes, ſinging the Praiſes of GOD, they go on without the Intermiſſion of reading each Line: And do recommend to Schoolmaſters in the ſeveral Pariſhes, that they be careful to inſtruct the Youth in ſinging the common Tunes.

IX.

ACT for reprinting an Abbreviate of the Laws against Profaneness and Immorality.

Edinburgh, May 22d 1746, *Sess.* 9.

THE General Assembly appoint, that the Abbreviate of the Laws and Acts of Parliament against Profaneness and Immorality be reprinted, and Copies thereof sent to the several Ministers of this Church, to be read from the Pulpits of their respective Churches.

X.

ACT about the Office-bearers in this Church, and others, concerned in the Rebellion.

Edinburgh, May 22d 1746, *Sess.* 9.

THE General Assembly do appoint the several Presbyteries duly to inquire into the Behaviour of the Office-bearers in this Church, during the late unnatural Rebellion, and to commence and carry on the proper Processes against Offenders; and, in case of Difficulty, to take the Advice of the Synod of the Bounds, or Commission of the General Assembly; and the Commission is hereby instructed to receive, cognosce, and finally determine, in any Reference or Appeal that may be brought before them, from Synods or Presbyteries, with respect to Persons that may be accused of having been guilty in the said Rebellion: And the Assembly recommend to Ministers and Presbyteries, to call before them all others that may have been guilty, as aforesaid, and to censure them according to the Degrees of their Offence, and as they shall judge for Edification; and that Ministers and Presbyteries take Care, that all Teachers of Youth within their Bounds be qualified in Terms of Law, and that Presbyteries inquire concerning this at Ministers, and Synods at Presbyteries, at their Privy Censures.

XI.

ACT and Overture about Processes against Probationers for the Ministry.

Edinburgh, May 22d 1746; *Sess.* 9.

THE General Assembly agreed to transmit to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries, the last Clause of the 9th Act of the last General Assembly, which appoints, that the Rules of the Form of Process, *Chap.* 7. with respect to Informations against Ministers of this Church, be extended to Probationers, and Presbyteries are enjoined to send up their Opinion thereupon to the next General Assembly; and in the mean time, the Assembly appoint that the same have the Force of an Act.

XII.

ACT and Recommendation for keeping Registers of the Dead.

Edinburgh, May 22d 1746, *Sess.* 9.

THE General Assembly do recommend to, and appoint the several Kirk-Sessions to have a Register, in which they shall record the Names of every Person dying within their respective Parishes, and interred in their ordinary Burying-places, and the Times of their Death.

XIII.

ACT against Profaneness and Immorality.

Edinburgh, May 22d 1746, *Sess.* 9.

THE General Assembly taking to their most serious Consideration, how much Profaneness and Immoralities of all sorts abound, to which we ought to impute all our Troubles and National Calamities; And considering, on the other hand, the many most gracious Deliverances wrought for us, particularly by the late Victory: And that these various Providences loudly call on all Ranks (after such publick Judgments and Deliverances) to exert themselves suitably to their several Stations to promote publick Reformation; The Assembly judge it highly seasonable, at this Juncture, to revive the various Acts of former Assemblies against Profaneness and Immoralities; and particularly Act 11th of Assembly 1697, which "seriously recommends to Ministers and "Members of Kirk-Sessions, from a true Zeal for GOD, "to hold Hand to the delating, informing against, and pu-"nishing of all profane Transgressors, without respect of "Persons, by Civil Punishments, conform to the Acts made "in that Behalf, and that they record their Diligence in "their Session-books, that the same may be seen by their "Presbyteries, who are hereby required to make Inquiry "therein at their Visitations." And the Assembly further appoints, that the Abstract of the Laws against Profaneness and Immoralities be reprinted, and that all Kirk-Sessions provide themselves with Copies thereof, and have Meetings at stated Times, on Purpose to consider of the most proper Methods for obtaining the Execution of these Laws; and that Ministers frequently preach Sermons, on Purpose to persuade and direct Christians in general, to contribute their Endeavours according to their several Stations, and to take the best Methods to strengthen one another's Hands in this important Work; and that Presbyteries and Synods inquire (at the Diet of Privy Censures) into the Diligence of Ministers and Sessions in this Matter: And the Assembly instruct their Commission, to have under their View the Act of Parliament of *Great Britain*, now preparing against profane Swearing and Cursing, and other Acts formerly made; and to frame a proper Act against Vice and Immorality, and to point out some of the proper Expedients for discouraging it, and promoting true Religion and Godliness.

XIV.

ACT for a Thankſgiving.

Edinburgh, May 22d, 1746. *poſt merid. Seſſ.* 10.

THE General Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland* taking into their ſerious Conſideration, the ſurpriſing Deliverance a good and gracious GOD has been pleaſed to beſtow upon us in this Land, from the late wicked and unnatural Rebellion, carried on by an infatuated Party amongſt ourſelves, and ſupported and encouraged by the Popiſh Powers abroad, the declared Enemies of our Peace and Happineſs, and of the Liberties of *Europe*; which Rebellion, if it had ſucceeded, would at once have ſtript us of our Religion and Liberty, and ſubjected us to the cruel Yoke of Popery and arbitrary Power: And the Aſſembly conſidering, how GOD has thus mercifully interpoſed for us, when we were moſt unworthy of the leaſt Favour from his bountiful Hand, being a People laden with Iniquity, and highly ungrateful to him for former Deliverances of this kind, and particularly for the late glorious and never to be forgotten REVOLUTION, and the continued Peace and Tranquillity we have enjoyed ſince; DO judge it their Duty to call all Ranks and Degrees of Perſons in this National Church, to ſtir up their Souls and all that is within them to bleſs and praiſe the GOD of our Salvation, for this and all his Wonders of Mercy that he has wrought for us, both formerly and of late; and to give unto the infinitely wiſe GOD the Glory of his free and undeſerved Goodneſs; taking Shame and Confuſion of Face unto ourſelves, becauſe of our highly aggravated Iniquities; ſearching and trying our Ways, and turning again to the LORD, from whom we have deeply revolted, as the only Way to ſecure to ourſelves the Continuance of thoſe Bleſſings we are preſently poſſeſt of: And the General Aſſembly do ſeriouſly call and exhort all within this Church, to join, with their humble and hearty Thankſgiving, earneſt Prayers to the GOD of all Grace, to turn us to himſelf in his dear SON our only Propitiation, and to one another in the Ways of Truth and Holineſs: That he would eminently bleſs, and long preſerve our only rightful Sovereign King *George*, the Prince and Princeſs of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; That he would, in a remarkable Manner, protect and defend his Royal Highneſs the Duke, who, under GOD, has at this Time been the Inſtrument of our Deliverance; That he would kindly direct

direct and influence the publick Councils of the Nation at this critical Conjuncture; give Success to his Majesty's Arms, and those of his Allies by Sea and Land, against the Enemies of our Religion and Liberties, and of the Peace of *Europe*; That he would assist and enable all Ranks and Degrees of Persons within this Church, to make a right Improvement of the Mercies bestowed upon us; That he would, in his infinite Mercy, continue to give us favourable Weather, and at last crown the Year with his Goodness; and, above all, that he would give us Grace to fear him, and serve him, inclining our Hearts to obey his Voice, that he may not be provoked to turn and do us Hurt, after all the great Good he hath done us. And the General Assembly appoints the said Thanksgiving to be observed in all the Parishes within this National Church, upon the fourth *Thursday* of *June* next; and that humble Application be made to His Majesty for his Royal Sanction, in order to the more effectual and due Observation of the said Day. And the Assembly further appoints, that this their Act be read from the Pulpits of all the Parish Churches within *Scotland*, upon the *Sabbath-day* immediately preceeding the foresaid fourth *Thursday* of *June*, with suitable Exhortations to the People.

XV.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for Reformation *of the* Highlands *and* Islands, *and for managing His Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.*

Edinburgh, May 23*d* 1746, *Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint the Reverend Mr. *John Lumsden* Professor of Divinity in the King's College at Aberdeen, their Moderator, Dr. *William Wishart* Principal of the University of Edinburgh, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph* Principal of St. Leonard's College at St. Andrews, Mr. *Neil Campbell* Principal of the University of Glasgow, Mr. *Robert Pollock* Professor of Divinity in the Marishal College of Aberdeen, Masters *Neil MacVicar* at

Weſt-kirk, his Majeſty's Almoner, *Robert Wallace* at Edinburgh, *William Guſthart* there, *James Wetherſpoon* at Yeſter, his Majeſty's Chaplains, *James Walker* at Canongate, *James Nisbet* at Edinburgh, *John Guthrie* at Ratho, *John Matthiſon* at Edinburgh, *John Gowdie* Profeſſor of Divinity in the Univerſity of Edinburgh, *George Logan* at Edinburgh, *James Bannatine* there, *George Fordyce* at Corſtorphine, *Robert Kinloch* at Edinburgh, *John Hepburn* there, *John Glen* there, *Thomas Pitcairn* at Weſt-kirk, *Patrick Cuming* at Edinburgh, *James Stevenſon* there, *George Lindſay* at North Leith, *George Wiſhart* at Edinburgh, *Robert Hamilton* there, *William Aitken* at South Leith, *Alexander Webſter* at Edinburgh, *Gilbert Hamilton* at Cramond, *David Moubray* at Currie, *John Jardine* at Libberton, *Hugh Blair* at Canongate, *Alexander Bryce* at Kirknewton, *William Bennet* at Duddingſton, *Collin Mac-Kenzie* at Fotterty, *Thomas Montfod* at Kilmally, *John Ballantyne* at South Ronaldſhay, *Thomas Miller* at Lerwick, *John Wilkie* at Uphall, *John Baird* at Stobo, *James Primroſe* at Crichton, *William Robertſon* at Gladſmuir, *William Home* at Polwarth, *Matthew Reid* at Preſtonkirk, *James Ramſay* at Kelſo, *James Wincheſter* at Jedburgh, *William Forreſter* at St. Mungo, *James Brown* at Borgue, *Alexander Dick* at Dalry, *David Coupar* at Auchinleck, *Robert Paton* at Renfrew, *Robert Walker* at Straiton, *John Currie* at Oldmunkland, *Matthew Stewart* at Roſeneath, *Robert Glen* at Lochgoylhead, *James Forbes* at Kilmodan, *Alexander Campbell* at Inveraray, *James Stewart* at Kilbranden, *Robert Robertſon* at Kirkmichael, *John Moncrief* at Rhynd, *James Mackie* at St. Ninians, Sir *William Moncrief* at Blackford, *George Anderſon* at Tulliallan, *Allan Buchanan* at Inverkeithine, *John Spence* at Orwell, *Thomas Stark* at Balmerino, *John Weath* at Tannadice, *Robert Trail* at Panbryde, *Alexander Shank* at Arbuthnot, *Patrick Black* at Peter-coulter, *James Nicolſon* at Banchory-devonick, *Francis Downey* at Lumphannan, *Theodore Gordon* at Kinnethmont, *William Hay* at Cruden, *John Syme* at Longmay, *James Porteous* at Monivard, *Patrick Duncan* at Longbryde, *Patrick Grant* at Duthell, and *James Spens* at Urquhart, Miniſters; The Moſt Hon. the Marquis of Lothian, the Right Hon. the Earl of Leven, *Duncan Forbes* of Culloden, Eſq; Lord Preſident of the Court of Seſſion, the Right Hon. *William Grant* of Preſtongrange, his Majeſty's Advocate, The Lord Reay, Lord Drumore Lord Elchies, Lord Monzie, Sir *Arthur Forbes* of Craigievar, *Archibald Mac Aulay* Lord Conſervator, *Albert Monro* of Coull, Provoſt *Osburn*, Mr. *James Davidſon* of Haltree, Dr. *Andrew Plummer*, *Alexander Blackwood* late one of the Baillies of Edinburgh, Mr.

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David Dalrymple Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Mr. *Patrick Haldane* and Mr. *Alexander Home*, His Majesty's Solicitors, *George Buchan* of Kello, *Allan Whiteford* of Ballachmile, Mr. *Patrick Boyle* of Shewalfoun, Mr. *Alexander MacMillan* of Dunmore, Mr. *John Campbell* Cashier of the Royal Bank, Mr. *James Erskine* junior, Advocate, Mr. *Charles Campbell* of Lochland, Advocate, *John Craigie* Steward-depute of Zetland, *Lauchlan Grant* of Gartanbeg, Mr. *Gilbert Elliot* younger of Minto, *Robert MacIntosh* Agent for the Church, Mr. *Alexander Bruce* of Kennet, Dr. *Alexander Martin*, and Mr. *Thomas Mitchel* in Fichlie, Ruling Elders, to be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profaneness, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the Seventh Act of the late Assembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned, and in Acts formerly made and referred to, in the Commissions granted to former Committees, any five of the Persons above named are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof three to be Ministers: But it is hereby appointed, That, at the quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries for the Year ensuing, shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders at least, shall be a *Quorum*; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be upon *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be upon the *Monday* next thereafter, at the said Hour; with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find most needful and convenient; and they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate and appoint the said Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exche-

Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Aſſembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, that no Perſon once employed, and inſert in the Scheme, ſhall be ſtruck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at leaſt nine Miniſters and five Ruling Elders: And in caſe any Complaint ſhall be made againſt any of them on the Scheme, it ſhall not be determined at the firſt ordinary Meeting that the ſame is offered, but ſhall lye on the Table till another Meeting; and in the mean time, the Perſon complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, ſhall be acquainted of ſuch Complaint, and theſe concerned be required to ſend to the ſaid Committee a juſt Account of the Matter, againſt their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That, after the yearly Scheme of Miſſionaries on the Royal Bounty is ſettled in manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, ſuch Presbyteries ſhall ſend up to the ſaid Committe their Anſwers to theſe Letters, at fartheſt with their Commiſſioners to the General Aſſembly, if the ſame be not done ſooner. And that the Committee, at their Meeting in *May*, ſhall name a Sub-committee of their Number, for preparing the next Year's Scheme, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a ſubſequent Meeting.

XVI.

Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders, for diſcuſſing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 23d 1746, *Seſſ. ult.*

THE General Aſſembly taking to their ſerious Conſideration, that there are diverſe Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commiſſionate and appoint, the Rev. Mr. *John Lumiſden* Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of Aberdeen their Moderator; and from the Presbytery of Chanonry, Mr. *Alexander Fraſer* at Avach; Mr. *James Calder* at Alderſeer, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of Tain, Mr. *John Balfour* at Nig, Mr. *Daniel Monro* at Tain, Miniſters; *Alexander Roſe* in Culiſs, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dingwall, Mr. *Colin MacKenzie* at Fotherty, Mr. *John MacLennan* at Contane, Miniſters;

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Albert Munro of Coul, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abertarph, Mr. *Thomas Montfod* at Kilmally, Mr. *John Grant* at Urquhart, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of Skye, Mr. *Hugh MacDonald* at Portrie, Mr. *Donald MacQueen* at Rum, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of Lewis, Mr. *Colin MacKenzie* at Lochs; Mr. *Normand Moriſon* at Uig, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of Uiſt, Mr. *Donald MacLeod* at North Uiſt, Mr. *John Munro* at South Uiſt, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, Mr. *Æneas MacAulay* at Applecroſs, Mr. *Æneas MacAulay* at Gairloch, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of Dornoch, Mr. *William Roſe* at Loth, Mr. *John Munro* at Rogart, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of Tong, Mr. *Walter Roſs* at Tong, Mr. *John Skeldoch* at Farr, Miniſters; *George* Lord Reay, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Caithneſs, Mr. *James Gilchriſt* at Thurſo, Mr. *James Ferm* at Wick, Miniſters. From the Preſbytery of Kirkwall, Mr. *Thomas Galloway* at St. Andrews, Mr. *John Ballantyne* at South Ronaldſhay, Miniſters; *Alexander Gibſon* in Evie, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Cairſton, Mr. *Alexander Geddes* at Birſay, Mr. *Robert Sands* at Hoy, Miniſters; *Andrew Roſs* Steward-depute of Orkney, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of North Iſles, Mr. *Thomas Trail* at Ladykirk, Mr. *Robert Scollay* at Stronſay, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of Zetland, Mr. *Matthew Moncrief* at Breſſay, Mr. *Thomas Millar* at Lerwick, Miniſters; *John Craigie* Steward-depute of Orkney, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. *Niel MacVicar* at Weſt-kirk, Mr. *John Guthrie* at Ratho, Mr. *George Logan* at Edinburgh, Mr. *John Hepburn* there, Mr. *George Lindſay* at North Leith, Mr. *Hugh Blair* at Canongate, Miniſters. The Right Honourable the Lord *Arniſtoun*, *John Oſeburn* late Provoſt of Edinburgh, Mr. *James Davidſon* of Haltree, Ruling Elders. From the Univerſity of Edinburgh, Mr. *William Wiſhart* Principal thereof: From the Church of Campvere, Mr. *James Tair* Miniſter; *Archibald MacAulay* Eſquire, Lord Conſervator, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. *John Wilkie* at Uphall, Mr. *William Haſtie* at Slamannan, Mr. *Andrew Gloug* at Weſt Calder, Mr. *George Ellies* at Carridden, Miniſters; Mr. *Robert Ramſay* of Blackcraig, *Henry Gillies* Dean of Guild of Linlithgow, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Linlithgow, *Alexander Purdie* Deacon of the Taylors in ſaid Burgh. Burgh of Queensferry, Baillie *Archibald Stewart*. From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. *Andrew Richardſon* at Broughtoun, Mr. *John Brown* at Symintoun, Miniſters; *Archibald Bertram* younger of Nisbet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. *John Baird* at Stobo, Mr. *Alexander Davidſon* at Traquair, Miniſters; *Charles Ha-*

milton of Spittlehaugh, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dalkeith, Mr. *James Primrose* at Crichton, Mr. *Adam Steil* at Heriot, Mr. *Archibald Walker* at Temple, Miniſters; Mr. *Robert Dundas* younger of Arniſtoun, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Haddingtoun, Mr. *John Barclay* at Morham, Mr. *George Murray* at Northberwick, Mr. *William Robertſon* at Gladſmuir, Miniſters; *Alexander Hamilton* of Pancaitland, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Haddingtoun, Mr. *George Brown* of Colſtoun. From the Burgh of Northberwick, Doctor *Hugh Reid* of Sydſerf. From the Presbytery of Dunbar, Mr. *John Hamilton* at Stenton, Mr. *Matthew Reid* at Preſton-kirk, Miniſters; Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Dunbar, Mr. *George Buchan* of Kello. From the Presbytery of Dunſe, Mr. *William Home* at Fogo, Mr. *William Home* at Polwarth, Miniſters; Mr. *Alexander Home* of Eccles, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Chirnſide, Mr. *Henry Veitch* at Swinton, Mr. *James Landereth* at Simprin, Mr. *James Colden* at Whitſom, Miniſters; Mr. *John Swinton* of Swinton Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kelſo, Mr. *James Ramſay* at Kelſo, Mr. *James Turnbull* at Linton, Miniſters; *Charles Binning* of Pilmore, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. *John Douglas* at Kirktoun, Mr. *James Wincheſter* at Jedburgh, Mr. *William Turnbull* at Abbotrule, Miniſters; the moſt Hon. the Marquis of Lothian, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Jedburgh, Mr. *Gilbert Elliot* younger of Minto. From the Presbytery of Earliſtoun, Mr. *James Ker* at Nenthorn, Mr. *Francis Scot* at Weſtruther, Miniſters; *Robert Kennedy* of Achtifardel, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Lauder, *George Peter* of Chapel. From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. *William Bannatine* at Yarrow, Mr. *Robert Riddel* at Lilliesleaf, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Lord *Minto*, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Selkirk, Doctor *Andrew Plummer* Phyſician. From the Presbytery of Annan, Mr. *Alexander Orr* at Hoddam, Mr. *James Armſtrong* at Ruthwell, Miniſters; *Robert Dalrymple* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Annan, *John Johnſton* late Provoſt of Annan. From the Presbytery of Langholm, Mr. *Robert Malcolm* at Ewes, Mr. *David Balmain* at Weſterkirk, Miniſters; *William Scot* of Roanburn, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lochmaben, Mr. *Robert Jardine* at Lochmaben, Mr. *William Forreſter* at St. Mungo, Mr. *James Lorimer* at Mouſwald, Miniſters; Mr. *James Erskine* Advocate, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Lochmaben, Mr. *William Kilpatrick* of Elieſland. From the Presbytery of Penpont, Mr. *Alexander Bain* at Keir, Mr. *John Irvine* at Sanquhar, Miniſters; *Alexander Ferguſon* of Craigdarroch, Ruling Elder.

der. Burgh of Sanquhar, Provoſt *John Crichton*. From the Presbytery of Dumfries, Mr. *Andrew Beveridge* at Carlaverock, Mr. *John Dickie* at Dunſcore, Mr. *Robert MacMorran* at Kirkpatrick-Durham, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Lord *Tinwald*, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dumfries, Provoſt *George Bell*. From the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr. *John Lamont* at Kelton, Mr. *Alexander Dick* at Dalry, Mr. *James Brown* at Borgue, Miniſters; *Robert Gordon* of Achindolly, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Kirkcudbright, *William Lennox* late Treaſurer. From the Burgh of New Galloway, *James Henderſon* Merchant. From the Presbytery of Wigtoun, Mr. *Edward Boid* at Wigtoun, Mr. *Alexander Gordon* at Glaſſerton, Miniſters; Doctor *Alexander Martin* of Little Airies, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Wigtoun, Mr. *William Hamilton* of Ladyland. Burgh of Whithorn, Dean of Guild *Hugh Hathorn*. From the Presbytery of Stranrawer, Mr. *John Dickſon* at Newluce, Mr. *Robert Finlay* at Inch, Miniſters; *James Dalrymple* of Dunraggat, Doctor of Medicine, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Stranrawer, Mr. *Andrew MacDoual* of Kingſeat, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Ayr, Mr. *William Paton* at Dailey, Mr. *David Couper* at Auchinleck, Mr. *Richard Cuningham* at Symington, Mr. *Hugh Hamilton* at Girvan, Mr. *Samuel Walker* at Dalrymple, Miniſters; Mr. *John Hamilton* of Bargenny, and Mr *Allan Whiteford* of Ballachmile, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Ayr, Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate. From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr. *John Fullarton* at Dalry, Mr. *Alexander Ferguſon* at Kilwinning, Mr. *Robert Hall* at Kilmarnock, Miniſters; Mr. *Charles Dalrymple* of Langlands, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Irvine, Mr. *Patrick Boyle* of Shewalton. From the Presbytery of Paiſley, Mr. *Robert Paton* at Renfrew, Mr. *George MacVey* at Mearns, Mr. *Peter Scot* at Paiſley, Mr. *John Schaw* at Greenock, Miniſters; *William Muir* of Caldwall, and Provoſt *John Somerville ſenior* Ruling Elders. Burgh of Renfrew, *William Somerville* Baillie thereof. From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. *Richard Henderſon* at Blantyre, Mr. *John Currie* at Old Munkland, Mr. *Robert Bell* at Strathaven, Miniſters; *Daniel Campbell* of Shawfield, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lanerk, Mr. *John Orr* at Lanerk, Mr. *Charles Hunter* at Pitinain, Mr. *William Hamilton* at Douglas, Miniſters; Mr. *George Baillie* of Hardingtoun, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*, Mr. *Niel Campbell* Principal of the College at Glaſgow, Mr. *John MacLaurin* at Glaſgow, Mr. *George Adam* at Cathcart, Miniſters; *John Bryce* of Eaſter Lumloch, Ruling Elder. City of Glaſgow, Baillie *Richard Allan*; Univerſity of Glaſgow, Sir *John Maxwell* of Pollock. Burgh of Rutherglen, *John Murdoch* of Roſebank. Presbytery of Dumbarton,

Mr.

Mr. *John Colquhoun* at Badernock, Mr. *John Davidſon* at Old Kilpatrick, Mr. *Matthew Stewart* at Roſneath, Miniſters; Major General *John Campbell*, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dumbarton, Mr. *Patrick Haldane* of Bearcroſts Advocate. From the Presbytery of Dunoon, Mr. *Dugald Allan* at Innerchallen, Mr. *James Forbes* at Kilmoden, Miniſters; *John Campbell* of Orchard, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Rothſay, Mr. *William Stewart* of Hartwood. From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr. *David Campbell* at South-end, Mr. *Charles Bannatyne* at Arran, Miniſters; Mr. *Alexander MacMillan* of Dunmore Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inveraray, Mr. *Alexander Campbell* at Inveraray, Mr. *Archibald Lammie* at Kilmartine, Miniſters; *Colin Campbell* Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. *Alexander MacFarlane* at Kilninver, Mr. *James Stewart* at Kilbranden, Miniſters; *John Campbell* Caſhier of the Royal Bank, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr. *Alexander MacTaviſh* at Tirce, Mr. *Lauchlan Campbell* at Ardnamurchan, Miniſters. From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr. *Robert Robertſon* at Kirkmichael, Mr. *Alexander MacCulloch* at Cluny, Mr. *James Biſhop* at Kinclaven, Mr. *Patrick Meek* at Rattray, Miniſters; *John Robertſon* of Tullibelton, and *Robert MacIntoſh* Agent for the Church, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Perth, Mr. *John Moncrief* at Rhind, Mr. *John Glen* at Forgandenny, Mr. *Robert Bryce* at Dron, Mr. *Patrick Bannerman* at St. Madois, Miniſters; *Robert Craigie* of Glendoic, and *William Gray* Baillie of Perth, Ruling Elders. From the Burgh of Perth, Provoſt *Patrick Crie*. From the Presbytery of Stirling, Mr. *James Mackie* at St. Ninians, Mr. *John Penman* at Bothkennar, Mr. *Daniel MacQueen* at Stirling, Miniſters; *Thomas Dundas* of Lethem, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Stirling, Mr. *Alexander Bruce* of Kennet. From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, Mr. *James Porteous* at Monivard, Sir *William Moncrief* at Blackford, Mr. *Henry Lundie* at Monzie, Miniſters; *Charles Campbell* of Lochland, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumblain, Mr. *Patrick Duchal* at Logie, Mr. *George Anderſon* at Tulliallan, Miniſters; Sir *James Campbell* of Aberuchil Baronet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfermline, Mr. *Robert Stark* at Kinroſs, Mr. *Allan Buchanan* at Innerkeithing, Mr. *John Spence* at Orwel, Miniſters; *James Dewar* of Laſſoddie Eſquire, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dumfermline, *James Hog* Merchant in Limekilns. Burgh of Culroſs, Baillie *Robert Geddes*. Burgh of Inverkeithing, *John Cunningham* of Balbougie. From the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy, Mr. *David Pitcairn* at Dyſart, Mr. *Robert Punton* at Kennoway, Mr. *Robert*

bert Balfour at Balingrie, Miniſters; *John Dundas* of Bogy, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Kirkaldy, Doctor *Robert Hay* of Struie. Burgh of Burntiſland, *Samuel Charters* Town-clerk thereof. Burgh of Kinghorn, *John Boſwel* of Balmuto. From the Presbytery of Coupar, Mr. *Andrew Melvil* at Cults, Mr. *George Boes* at Coupar, Mr. *Thomas Scot* at Ceres, Mr. *Thomas Stark* at Balmerino, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven, Mr. *James MacGill* of Rankeilor, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Coupar, Commiſſar *James Leſly*. From the Presbytery of St. Andrews, Mr. *John MacCormick* at St. Andrews, Mr. *James Walker* at Leuchars, Mr. *James Smith* at Newburn, Mr. *David Beath* at Pittenweem, *Andrew Watſon* Dean of Guild of St. Andrews, Doctor *Scot* of Cotts, Ruling Elders. Burgh of St. Andrews, *John Wilſon* Writer there. Univerſity of St. Andrews, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph* Principal of St. Leonards College in St. Andrews. Burgh of Pittenweem, *Andrew Fouler* Bailliethereof. Burgh of Crail, Baillie *Thomas Wiſhart*. Burgh of Anſtruther Eaſter, Baillie *Thomas Nairn*. Burgh of Anſtruther Weſter, Baillie *George Rob*. Burgh of Kilrenny, Baillie *Robert Waddel*. From the Presbytery of Miegle, Mr. *Thomas Clephan* at Newtyle, Mr. *William Arthur* at Glenyla, Mr. *Robert Trail* at Kettens, Miniſters; *John Murray* of Lintroſe, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forfar, Mr. *John Weath* at Tannadice, Mr. *George Nicol* at Kinnettles, Miniſters; *John Donaldſon* of Invereichty, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dundee, Mr. *John Ker* at Mains, Mr. *John Gellatly* at Dundee, Mr. *James Anderſon* at Lundie, Miniſters; *William Moriſon* of Naughton, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dundee, *Alexander Duncan* of Lundie, Eſq; late Provoſt thereof. From the Presbytery of Aberbrothwick, Mr. *Robert Trail* at Panbride, Mr. *William Dall* at Barry, Miniſters; *John Kenney* Ship-maſter in Aberbrothwick, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Aberbrothwick, *John Wallace* ſenior, Provoſt thereof. From the Presbytery of Brechin, Mr. *David Blair* at Brechin, Mr. *George Tytlar* at Fern, Mr. *George Aitken* at Montroſe, Miniſters; *John Downie* in Pitpollux, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordoun, Mr. *James Honeyman* at Kinneff, Mr. *Alexander Shank* at Arbuthnot, Mr. *James Smith* at Garvock, Miniſters; *John Young* of Stank, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr. *Alexander Shank* at Drumoak, Mr. *Patrick Black* at Petercoulter, Mr. *James Nicolſon* at Nether Banchory, Mr. *Samuel Copland* at Fentry, Miniſters; the Right Honourable *William Grant* of Preſtongrange, Eſq; Lord Advocate, *James Muiriſon* late Provoſt of Aberdeen, Ruling Elders. King's College of Aberdeen, Mr. *David Broadfut* Profeſſor of Greek therein. Mariſhal College, Mr.

Robert Pollock Professor of Divinity therein. From the Presbytery of Kincardineoniel, Mr. *Alexander Garden* at Birse, Mr. *James Paterson* at Coull, Mr. *Francis Downey* at Lumphannan, Ministers; Sir *Arthur Forbes* of Craigievar, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Alford, Mr. *Theodore Gordon* at Kinnethmont, Mr. *Alexander Strachan* at Keig, Mr. *Thomas Gordon* at Cabrach, Ministers; Mr. *Thomas Mitchel* in Fichlie, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Ellon, Mr. *James Gilchrist* at Foveraine, Mr. *William Hay* at Cruden, Ministers; *John Lind* in Achorthies, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Garrioch, Mr. *Robert Abercrombie* at Leslie, Mr. *Alexander Turing* at Oyne, Mr. *James Chalmers* at Daviot, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Drumore Ruling Elder. Burgh of Inverury, *Alexander Philin* in Inverury. From the Presbytery of Deer, Mr. *John Mercer* at Tyrie, Mr. *John Syme* at Lonmey, Mr. *Robert Garden* at St. Fergus, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Strichen Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Turreff, Mr. *David Bennerman* at Forglen, Mr. *William Johnston* at Montwhitter, Ministers; *George Smith* in Gamrie, Ruling Elder. For the Presbytery of Fordice, Mr. *James Innes* at Banff, Mr. *James Anderson* at Bonydie. Ministers. Burgh of Banff, *Patrick Murray* Burgess thereof. From the Presbytery of Strathbogie, Mr. *Walter Syme* at Mortlich, Mr. *George Campbell* at Botriphny, Ministers; *William Duff* of Crombie, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberlour, Mr. *John Paul* at Rothes, Mr. *George Grant* at Boharm, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Elchies, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abernethy, Mr. *George Grant* at Kirkmichael, Mr. *Patrick Grant* at Duthel, Ministers; *Lauchlan Grant* of Gartanbeg, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Elgin, Mr. *Patrick Duncan* at Lonbride, Mr. *James Spens* at Urquhart, Ministers; *John Douglas* Merchant in Elgin, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Elgin, *Robert Grant* Merchant in Elgin. From the Presbytery of Forress, Mr. *Alexander Shaw* at Edinkily, Mr. *Alexander Rose* at Nairn, Ministers; *James Rose* of Brea, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverness, Mr. *Patrick Grant* at Calder, Mr. *Æneas Shaw* at Pettie, Ministers; the Right Honourable *Duncan Forbes* of Culloden, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session; with his Grace *James* Duke of Athol, his Grace *Archibald* Duke of Argyle, the most honourable *John* Marquis of Tweeddale, *William* Marquis of Lothian, the Right Honourable *James* Earl of Morton, Sir *John Clark* of Pennycook, one of the Barons of Exchequer, the Right Hon. the Lord Monzie, the Lord Murkle, Senators of the College of Justice, Ruling Elders; To be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to

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the Effects after mentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty-one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty-one are always to be Ministers, to meet and conveen within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon of this Day, and thereafter the first *Wednesday* of *August*, and second *Wednesdays* of *November* and *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient; with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likeways the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, above-mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church, and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always, That this General Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, That no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets, and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force till disapproven by the General Assembly; and the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert: And that they inquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*; and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, The said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals, that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly; and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality; and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likeways to take Care

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that the Impreſſions of the *Holy Scriptures, the Confeſſion of Faith, and Catechiſms*, and ſuch Books as are authoriſed by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the ſame. And the ſaid Commiſſion are appointed and impowered to keep a Correſpondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, for ſuppreſſing Popery and Superſtition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in theſe Parts, and give Aſſiſtance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy, and ſpeedy Redreſs. And the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby ſtrictly prohibited and diſcharged to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed and referred to them, as above mentioned: And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Conſtitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the ſame; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they ſhall be accountable to and cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe. And this Commiſſion is to continue and endure, until another Commiſſion be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the ſaid Commiſſion, and Abſents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Aſſembly held in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix; and for the better ſecuring of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commiſſion, the General Aſſembly prohibites the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commiſſion; and ſuch of the Members of theſe Presbyteries as are on the Commiſſion, are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries at a greater Diſtance, who have four or more Members on the Commiſſion, are to take Care that at leaſt two of them attend each Diet of the ſame: And the Aſſembly appoint their Commiſſion, at their firſt Meeting, to diſcuſs as many of the Cauſes and Queſtions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are or ſhall be referred to them by the Aſſembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church ſhall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commiſſion, or to give the ſame a full Execution; in that Caſe, the Commiſſion is hereby prohibited to execute the ſame, by appointing any ſuch correſpondent Meetings, as has been ſometimes the Practice, but ſhall allow the ſame to ly over to the enſuing Aſſembly, to which ſuch Presbyteries or Synods ſhall be anſwerable for ſuch their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to ſend up

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with their Commissioners their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly do further impower and direct the said Commission to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.

XVII.

ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 23d, 1746. *Sess. ult.*

THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place upon the first *Thursday* of *May* next, being the 7th Day of that Month, in the Year 1747.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing the 133*d Psalm throughout, and pronouncing the Blessing.*

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

GEORGE WISHART *Cls. Eccl. Scot.*

Overture about the Psalmody.

Edinburgh, May 22d, 1746.

THE General Assembly considering, that the several Presbyteries have not transmitted to this Assembly their Observations upon some Pieces of sacred Poesy, under the Title of *Translations and Paraphrases of several Passages of sacred Scripture*, which had been remitted to their Consideration by the last General Assembly; Do therefore remit the same to the further Consideration of the several Presbyteries, that they may report their Opinion thereof to the next General Assembly.

LETTER from his Royal Highneſs WILLIAM *Duke* of Cumberland, *to his Grace the Commiſſioner.*

THE following Letter not having come to Hand till after riſing of the General Aſſembly, could not be printed among the publick Acts; but is here ſubjoined by Direction of the Committee for reviſing the Minutes.

Inverneſs, the 21ſt *May* 1746.

My Lord Commiſſioner,

THE Meeting of the Venerable the General Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland*, furniſhes an Occaſion I have wiſhed for, of expreſſing publickly the juſt Senſe I have of the very ſteady and laudable Conduct of the Clergy of that Church, through the whole Courſe of this moſt wicked, unnatural, and unprovoked Rebellion.

I owe it to them in Juſtice to teſtify, that, upon all Occaſions, I have received from them Profeſſions of the moſt inviolable Attachment to his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, of the warmeſt Zeal for the Religion and Liberties of their Country, and of the firmeſt Perſuaſion, that theſe Bleſſings could not be preſerved to the Nation, but by the Support of His Majeſty's Throne, and of the Succeſſion in his Royal Family; and, in ſupport of the Sincerity of their Profeſſions, I have always found them ready and forward to act, in their ſeveral Stations, in all ſuch Affairs as they could be uſeful in, tho' often to their own great Hazard; and of this I have not been wanting to give due Notice from time to time to His Majeſty.

I muſt deſire your Grace to aſſure the Venerable the General Aſſembly, of the very ſincere Acknowledgment I ſhall always feel, for the particular Marks of Good-will and Affection I have received every where from the Clergy, of my Regard and Eſteem for their Body, and of my good Wiſhes for all its Members.

I heartily wiſh Succeſs to the good Work you are upon for the Service of His Majeſty, and the true Benefit of His faithful Subjects. I am,

My Lord Commiſſioner,
Your Grace's moſt affectionate Friend,

WILLIAM.

Directed thus;
To his Grace the Lord Commiſſioner to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY *of the* CHURCH *of* Scotland, Edin.

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The Assembly adjourned till To-morrow Forenoon, and resolved to spend that Diet in Prayer. *ibid.*

The General Assembly did conveen, and spent this Diet in Prayer, as was Yesterday resolved. *May* 9th, *Sess.* 2.

After Prayer, a Letter to the Moderator from Mr. *William Grant* his Majesty's Advocate, and principal Clerk to the General Assembly, was presented, signifying, that his Majesty's Service yet detained him at *London*, and that he had granted a Deputation to Mr. *George Buchan* of *Kello*, to officiate as Clerk in his Absence; which Letter and Deputation being read, the General Assembly, without entring upon the Consideration of the said Deputation, did appoint Mr. *Buchan* to officiate as Clerk for this Sederunt. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to Members to do their utmost to bring in the Lists from Presbyteries, of the several Particulars necessary to be known to the Trustees, for managing the Fund for a Provision to Widows and Children of Ministers, *&c. Ibid.*

Ministers are appointed to preach in the New Church next Lord's Day. *Ibid.*

The General Assembly, without entring upon the Consideration of the Deputation by Mr. *Grant* to Mr. *Buchan*, did appoint Mr. *Buchan* to officiate as Clerk for this Sederunt. *May* 10th, *Sess.* 3.

Upon a Question put, whether the Assembly shall proceed at this Diet to the Choice of a Moderator, and name the usual Committees, and then adjourn the Assembly's Meeting until *Friday* next; Or adjourn now the next Meeting of the Assembly until *Friday* next? It was carried,

ried, Proceed; and accordingly Mr. *John Lumiſden* Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen* was choſen Moderator. *May* 10th 1746. *Seſſ* 3.

A Committee appointed for examining Commiſſions to Members of this Aſſembly, naming Miniſters to preach before the King's Commiſſioner, to examine the Liſts of Probationers, receive in the Liſts of Students in Divinity at the ſeveral Univerſities, conſider the Excuſes of Abſents from this Aſſembly, and report. *Ibid.*

A Committee for Overtures named. *Ibid.*

A Committee for Bills, References and Appeals, named. *Ibid.*

A Committee of Perſons in each Synod, appointed to reviſe the Regiſter of the Commiſſion of the late Aſſembly's Proceedings; audite the Procurator and Agent's Accompts conſider the State of the Church's publick Money, and prepare Overtures therefrom, agreeably to the 7th Act of Aſſembly 1712, and 8th Act of Aſſembly 1719, and all Claims on the ſaid Money ordered to be laid before the ſaid Committee; and they are alſo appointed to prepare any Overtures or References made by the late Commiſſion to this Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to reviſe the Regiſter of the Committee of the late General Aſſembly, for managing the Royal Bounty granted for Reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands. *Ibid.*

The King's Commiſſion to the Earl of *Leven*, to repreſent his Majeſty's Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, read and recorded, *May* 16th 1746, *Seſſ.* 4.

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The King's Commiſſioner's Speech, and the Moderator's Speech in Return thereto. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to draw an Anſwer to his Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter. *Ibid.*

The ſaid Committee appointed to draw up a congratulatory Addreſs to his Majeſty, upon the Victory obtained by his Army, under Command of his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland*, over the Rebels. *Ibid.*

Miniſters named to preach before his Majeſty's Commiſſioner. *Ibid.*

Committees named for reviſing the Synod-books of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, and *Angus* and *Mearns*. *Ibid.*

The Synod-books of *Roſs*, *Glenelg*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, *Orkney*, *Dumfries*, *Galloway*, *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, *Argyle*, *Fife*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, and Presbytery-book of *Zetland* not being produced, reſolved that the Reaſons thereof be inquired into. *Ibid.*

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Reſolution, that on *Tueſday* next, the Aſſembly will take under Conſideration what concerns the Offices of Procurator for the Church, and principal Clerk to the General Aſſembly; and in the mean time Mr. *George Buchan* is appointed to officiate as Clerk. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of ſome Magiſtrates, Heritors, and others of the Town and Pariſh of *Queensferry*, Callers of Mr. *Walter Punton* Miniſter of the Goſpel to be their Miniſter, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, reverſing a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, ſuſtaining their Call to Mr. *Punton* heard; and the ſaid Synod's Sentence ſuſtaining a Call of others of the Magiſtrates, Heritors, and others of the ſaid Town and Pariſh, to Mr. *Archibald Mac Aulay* Probationer, to be Miniſter of *Queensferry*, affirmed, and the ſaid Presbytery appointed to proceed to his Trials and Settlement. *Ibid.*

Report of the Viſitors of the Commiſſion-book brought in, and the Members of the Commiſſion got the Thanks of the Aſſembly for their Faithfulneſs in managing the Affairs committed to them, and particularly for the ſeaſonable Warning and Exhortation emitted by them in *November* laſt, on Occaſion of the Rebellion in this Country. And the foreſaid Book ordered to be atteſted, *May* 17th, *Seſſ.* 5.

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The Sentence of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, reverſing a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Forfar*, *giving their Presbyterial Call and Preſentation to Mr.* William Brown *Probationer, to be Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Cortachy, *and propoſing him only to the Congregation.* And further, appointing the ſaid Presbytery to have a Moderation at large at *Cortachy*, betwixt and the firſt of *July* next; and that at the Moderation, they ſhall allow none to vote in the Calling of a Miniſter, or ſignify their Conſent to, or Diſſent from ſuch Call, who ſhall appear to have been guilty of Rebellion. Reverſed, in reſpect of the peculiar Circumſtances of the ſaid Pariſh, on Account of the Diſaffection in general of the People thereof to the Government. And the ſaid Presbytery appointed to proceed to the Trials and Settlement of the ſaid Mr. *Brown* to be Miniſter of *Cortachy* and *Clova*. *Ibid.*

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A Petition of the Patron, and others of the Pariſh of *Moffat*, Callers of Mr. *Edward Johnſton* Probationer, to be Miniſter there, and of Mr. *Johnſton* himſelf, tabling certain Appeals taken from the Synod of *Dumfries*, affirming ſeveral Interlocutors paſt by the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, upon the Articles of a Libel exhibited before them againſt Mr. *Johnſton* by the Pariſhoners of *Moffat*, Oppoſers of his Settlement there, read. And the 4th and 6th Articles referred to the Aſſembly's Determination, being firſt read over, *viz.* Article 4th, That the

the ſaid Mr. *Johnſton* had been guilty of frequent Banning, Swearing and Curſing in and about *Cumlongan*, *Annan* and *Carliſle*, and other Places, by uſing theſe and the like Expreſſions, by GOD, Faith, Conſcience, and the Devil take yourſelf, or others, *&c.* Article 6th, That Mr. *Johnſton* had aſſerted in his Defences, that all the Articles of the Libel given him by the Presbytery, tho' proven, are not ſufficient to depoſe a Miniſter, and conſequently not ſufficient to hinder him from being admitted Miniſter of *Moffat*.---The Aſſembly ſuſtained theſe two Articles relevant to infer Cenſure. The other Articles of the Libel found relevant by the Presbytery and Synod, from whoſe Judgments Appeals were taken, being read, *viz.* Article firſt, That, in the Month of *June* 1743, in the Houſe of Lady *Warranbie* in *Annan*, Mr. *Johnſton* was deſired to explain a written Sentence below a Picture in the Room; when he had told what the two Pictures were on each Side, he uttered that profane, impious and irreligious Expreſſion, *That little Fellow in the Middle is our Saviour*, very like that diminutive and impious Expreſſion of the *Jews*, recorded in *Matth.* xxvi. 61. *Luke* xxiii. 2. and in other Places of Scripture; the Aſſembly ſuſtained the ſaid Article relevant to infer Cenſure. The ſecond Article of the Libel, That, ſometime in *May* 1744, in Mr. *Johnſton*'s Father's Houſe in *Annan*, when ſpeaking of the Holy Scriptures, he averred, that that Phraſe, ſo frequent in the Old Teſtament, *Thus ſaith the LORD*, was only a By-word of the Prophets, and not a Saying of the LORD's; being read, the Aſſembly found this Article relevant to infer Cenſure. The third Article being read, *viz.* That in the latter End of *April*, or Beginning of *May* 1744, Mr. *Johnſton* had travelled to *Applebie* on the *Sabbath-day*, and cauſed a Barber ſhave him on that Day: The Aſſembly, after Reaſoning, found the firſt Branch of that Article not relevant, as laid in the Libel; but found the ſecond Branch thereof, reſpecting his Shaving, relevant to infer Cenſure. The fifth Article, *viz.* That he had aſſerted in his Defences given in to the Presbytery, that Banning and Swearing are Trifles as to their Matter, was read, and the Aſſembly found that Article relevant as laid to infer Cenſure. The ſeventh Article being read, *viz.* That Mr. *Johnſton* had openly aſſerted a Falſhood, and which he knew to be a Falſhood, ſtanding in the Commiſſion in *November* 1744, *viz.* when it was aſſerted, that he had given two Guineas at *Applebie* to eſcape a Proceſs before the ſpiritual Court, he aſſerted that to be a Lie: The Aſſembly found the ſaid Article relevant. Next,

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there was read an additional Article given in to the ſaid Presbytery the 13th *Auguſt* laſt, *viz.* That, in *October* laſt, Mr. *Johnſton* refuſed before the Synod of *Dumfries*, that he was admoniſhed by the Moderator of the Presbytery of *Middlebie*, before the Presbytery while ſitting, and ſaid that only a Member came to the Door, and ſpoke to him, whereby he uttered a Falſhood, and what he himſelf could not but know to be a Falſhood, for that he was publickly admoniſhed in Face of the Preſbytery by their Moderator. The Aſſembly agreed to diſmiſs this Article, ſaving and allowing nevertheleſs to Mr. *Johnſton*, all juſt Grounds of Exculpation, and a Proof of Facts reſpecting any of the above Articles found relevant. And the Aſſembly appoint, that any References or Appeals that may be made in this Proceſs, be brought in the uſual Channel to the Synod, and next General Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Act declaring the Dues which were in uſe to be paid, ever ſince the Revolution, to the Clerks of the Aſſembly, by the Commiſſioners from Presbyteries, *&c.* at delivering in their Commiſſions, do belong to the Clerks; and recommending to the ſaid Commiſſioners hereafter punctually to pay the ſaid uſual Dues, when they give in their Commiſſions to the Clerks to be enrolled as Members of the General Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to give Advice to the Preſbytery of *Zetland*, with reſpect to the propoſed Marriage of one *George Hughſon* and *Margaret Mowat*, in Pariſh of *Unſt*, the ſaid *Margaret* being Daughter in Law to the ſaid *George Hughſon*'s deceaſed Wife. *Ibid.*

The Members from the ſeveral Synods appointed to meet by themſelves, in order to bring in the Nominators of the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, according to the ſixth Act of Aſſembly 1705, *May* 20th, *Seſſ.* 7th.

Report of the Committee for reviſing Commiſſions brought in, with Remarks upon the Commiſſions from the Preſbyteries of *Dingwall*, *Abernethy* and *Earlſtoun*, and Burghs of *Inverury*, *Banff*, *Elgin* and *Aberbrothwick*, and all the ſaid Commiſſions ſuſtained for this Time; with a Recommendation to them in Time coming to have their Commiſſions duly expede, according to the eſtabliſhed Form, and their Elections of Members made at the Times limited by the Acts of Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

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A Committee appointed to wait of his Royal Highneſs the Duke, and congratulate him upon his Arrival in this Country, and the Victory obtained over the Rebels. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *George Blair* late Miniſter at *Abernyte*, craving Payment out of the publick Money, of ſome Expences laid out by him, in ſoliciting a Gift of certain Feus and other Duties belonging to the Cathedral of *Dunkeld*, towards augmenting the Stipend of *Abernyte*, remitted to the Committee upon the publick Accompts. *Ib.*

A Petition of Mr. *Thomas Montfud* Miniſter of *Kilmalie*, craving Relief in his preſent diſtreſſed Circumſtances, occaſioned by the Want of his Stipend reſting by theſe in the Rebellion, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

A Propoſal of the Committee for Overtures, that *Thurſday*, the 26th Day of *June* next, be appointed for a ſolemn Thankſgiving, for the Deliverance of this Country from the late Diſtreſs occaſioned by the Rebellion, agreed to, and a Committee appointed to draw up the Reaſons thereof. *Ibid.*

Heard read the Reſolution of *Friday* laſt, with reſpect to the Offices of Procurator for the Church, and principal Clerk to the General Aſſembly; and alſo the Deputation from Mr. *William Grant*, now his Majeſty's Advocate, to Mr. *George Buchan* to officiate for him as Clerk, with his Letter to the Moderator; Read alſo the Act of Aſſembly 1737, authoriſing him to name a Depute, and the Act 1731, conſtituting the ſaid Mr. *Grant* Procurator and principal Clerk; and upon a Queſtion put, the Aſſembly did find the ſaid Offices of Procurator and principal Clerk are now at the Diſpoſal of this Aſſembly; and agreed to disjoin theſe Offices, and confer them upon different Perſons: And the General Aſſembly did, by a Majority of Voices, elect, conſtitute and appoint Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, to be Procurator for the Church, with Power to him to exerce that Office, and enjoy the Emoluments, Profits and Privileges thereof *during Pleaſure*, as fully as any of his Predeceſſors enjoyed the ſame. *Ibid.*

The Aſſembly being next to proceed to the Choice of a principal Clerk; after Reaſoning agreed to adjourn the further Conſideration thereof till To-morrow. *Ibid.*

A Liſt of Members of the ſeveral Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to draw the Commiſſion, and Inſtructions, and name the Members of the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

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The Aſſembly reſumed Conſideration of what concerns the Office of principal Clerk, now at their Diſpoſal; and, after Reaſoning, the Aſſembly did elect, conſtitute and appoint Mr. *George Wiſhart*, one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh*, to be principal Clerk to the General Aſſembly, and Commiſſions thereof, with Power to him to exerce that Office, and enjoy the Emoluments, Profits and Privileges thereof, *during Pleaſure*, as fully as any other his Predeceſſors enjoyed the ſame: And Mr. *Wiſhart* compearing, gave his Oath *de fideli adminiſtratione officii*, and took his Place. *Ibid.*

Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate compeared, and gave his Oath *de fideli adminiſtratione officii*, as Procurator for this Church. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to adjuſt the Minutes relative to the Procurator and principal Clerk, and examine the Records, to know the Appointments upon each, and the Salaries and Emoluments allotted for them. *Ibid.*

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A Collection made in the Aſſembly-houſe for the Relief of ſeveral indigent Widows and Children of Miniſters of the Goſpel applying for Charity. *Ibid.*

A Petition of ſome Heritors, Elders, and Heads of Families of the Pariſh of *Robertoun*, Callers of Mr. *John Rodger* Probationer, reſuming the Proceedings had by the two laſt General Aſſemblies in the Cauſe, and craving this Aſſembly would give Judgment therein, read; as alſo a Letter from the Duke of *Douglas*, in Anſwer to that ſent him by Order of laſt Aſſembly, earneſtly deſiring the Aſſembly would review the Proceſs, as referred by the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, and give ſuch Sentence as may determine the Settlement of Mr. *William Nimmo* preſented by him, and to whom a Number in the Pariſh ſigned a Call; and appointed the ſaid Presbytery to proceed to the ſaid Mr. *Nimmo*'s Trials and Settlement, as Miniſter of *Robertoun*. *Ibid.*

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taken on Trials, in order to his Settlement as Miniſter of *South-Viſt*, but found by them unqualified; and he failing now to compear, it is left to the Presbytery of *Viſt* to proceed to the Settlement of the ſaid Pariſh according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

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A Petition of the Presbytery of *Dingwall* for a Sum out of the Publick Money, to enable the Miniſter of *Contain* to purchaſe for himſelf, and Succeſſors in Office, a ſmall Piece of Ground adjacent to his Glebe, which lyes in an Iſland, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

The Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge authoriſed to hear and determine a Queſtion, where the School eſtabliſhed upon a Mortification by *John Raining* Merchant in *Norwich*, ſhall be fixed in Perpetuity, upon the Applications now lying before them, in Behalf of the Towns of *Inverneſs* or *Maryburgh*, or that may hereafter be made for theſe or any other proper Place of the Highlands of *Scotland*; with this Condition, that the Society lay before the next, or any ſubſequent General Aſſembly what Reſolution they come to, with the Reaſons thereof, before they cauſe to be built the School-houſe at any particular Place. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion of the Presbytery of *Chirnſide*'s Requeſt, in Behalf the Miniſter of *Ladykirk*. Ibid.

A Committee named to bring in an Overture upon the Petition of Mr. *Thomas Montfod* Miniſter of *Kilmalie*. Ibid.

A Petition of the Heritors, Elders, and others of the Pariſh of *Croſskirk*, in the Iſland of *Sanday* in *Orkney*, offered, praying, That the Commiſſion in *Auguſt* be appointed to judge in an Appeal from the Synod of *Orkney*, relating to the Settlement of the ſaid Pariſh, and complaining of the Committee for Bills for not tranſmitting ſaid Petition, and delayed this Affair till the Afternoon. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Records, with reſpect to the Offices and Salaries of the principal Clerk and Procurator for the Church, brought in, bearing, that the Salary allotted to the Clerk, appears to be 1200 Merks, and for the Procurator 1000 Merks

yearly, and for the Cashier of the Royal Bounty 25 *l. Sterling*; and upon a Question put, it was agreed by the Assembly, that the Sum of 500 *l.* granted yearly for defraying the publick Charges of the Church, and 1000 *l.* as his Majesty's Royal Bounty for Reformation of the Highlands, be lodged with the Procurator, and that the principal Clerk have no Trouble about it; and a Commission is granted to Mr. *David Dalrymple* Procurator for the Church, accordingly, to be Receiver of the said Sum of 500 *l.* and Cashier of the said 1000 *l.* yearly, and lay out the same according to Orders. --- And remit to the Commission to take Bond, with Sureties, for Mr. *Dalrymple*'s Intromissions with the said 500 *l.* and Reference to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty to take Bond and Caution for his Intromissions with the said 1000 *l. Ibid.*

The Draught of an Act for a Thanksgiving brought in, and his Grace the Commissioner acquainted the Assembly, that he was instructed to assure them of their obtaining the Royal Sanction for the due Observation of the Day therein mentioned. *Eod. die, post merid. Sess.* 10.

The Moderator represented, that he, with several other Members, had paid the Compliments of this Church to his Serene Highness Prince *Frederick of Hesse-Cassel*, now present in the Assembly, which the Assembly approved of. *Ibid.*

The Petition and Complaint of the Parishioners of *Crosskirk* in *Orkney* dismist, in respect there are no Extracts of the Sentence of the Synod appealed from produced, and the Appeal declared fallen from and void. *Ibid.*

The Committee for managing the Royal Bounty appointed to employ as a Missionary Mr. *Thomas Montfod* Minister of *Kilmalie*, in such Station, and with such Salary as they shall think fit, for his present Relief. *Ibid.*

The Appeal of Sir *William Maxwell* of *Springkell*, as Patron, and of others of the Parish of *Kirkpatrick-Fleming*, Callers of Mr. *Anthony Black* Probationer, to be Minister there, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries* sustaining a Call of others of the said Parish to Mr. *James Currie* Probationer, to be Minister thereof, heard, and the Synod's Sentence is unanimously affirmed, and the Presbytery of *Annan* appointed to proceed to Mr. *Currie*'s Trials and Settlement, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

A Proclamation issued by his Royal Highness the Duke of *Cumberland*, for discovering such of the Rebels as have carried Arms, and such as harbour or entertain them, appointed

appointed to be read in all the Churches within *Scotland*. Ibid.

Reference to the Commiſſion at their firſt Meeting, to conſider an Appeal of *Robert Irvine* in the Pariſh of *Hoddam*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, appointing a Narrative of a Proceſs depending againſt him for Fornication with one *Janet Lindſay*, to be read from the Pulpit of the Church of *Hoddam*, and he to ly under the Scandal untill he purge himſelf by Oath. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Viſitors of the Regiſter of the Committee appointed by laſt Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the Highlands, *&c.* brought in, and the Remarks made thereon remitted to the Committee to be named for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, and the ſaid Regiſter ordered to be atteſted, *May* 23. *Seſſ. ult.*

The Draught of a Commiſſion to the Committee for mananaging the Royal Bounty, brought in and approved of. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commiſſion, and drawing Inſtructions to them, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

The Truſtees of the Fund eſtabliſhed by Act of Parliament, for a Proviſion to Miniſters Widows, authoriſed to lend out upon Bond the Sum of 30 *l.* to the Miniſters of ſuch Presbyteries as are to receive the ſame in any one Year, in ſuch Order as ſhall appear to the Truſtees beſt calculated for the Benefit of the Fund. *Ibid.*

The Report of the ſaid Truſtees reproduced, containing a State of the Fund under their Management, and an Account of their Proceedings ſince laſt General Aſſembly, ordered to be recorded in the ſeparate Regiſter kept for that Purpoſe. *Ibid.*

Order for allowing Mr. *James Man* Probationer Inſpection of the Records, or other Manuſcripts in the Clerk's Hands, for enabling him to proſecute his Deſign of publiſhing an Hiſtorical Account of Affairs tranſacted in *Scotland*, from the Beginning of the Civil Wars to the Conqueſt of *Scotland* by *Oliver Cromwell*. Ibid.

The Report of the Committee upon the publick Money brought in, and the Procurator and Agent for the Church appointed to uſe the neceſſary Diligence for recovering 500 Merks and Intereſt, due by Sir *James Stewart* of *Burray* to the Kirk-ſeſſions of *Burray* and *Flotta*. Ibid.

The Moderator appointed to write Letters to the Heritors of the united Pariſhes of *Liſmore*, *Appin*, *Glenco* and *Kingerloch*, recommending to them to cauſe repair the ruinous

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ruinous Churches, and build a Manſe and Office-houſes for their Miniſter; and if they delay it, the Procurator and Agents appointed on the publick Charges to uſe the neceſſary Diligence to remove the Grievances of the ſaid Miniſter. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of 10 *l.* 11 *s.* 6 *d.* to Mr. *George Blair* late Miniſter of *Abernyte*, in full of his Claim, on account of Money deburſed in endeavouring to recover ſome Augmentation to the Stipend of that Pariſh, out of certain Rents of old belonging to the dignified Clergy of the Cathedral of *Dunkeld*. Ibid.

The Petition of the Presbytery of *Dingwall*, in behalf of the Miniſter of *Contane*, with reſpect to the purchaſing a ſmall Piece of Ground adjacent to his Glebe, referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

The Synod-book of *Lothian* and *Tweddale* is atteſted, as alſo the Synod-book of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, with a Recomendation to the Synod to ſee to the better Attendance of their Members. *Ibid.*

The Viſitors of the Synod-book of *Perth* and *Stirling* not having their Report ready, are remitted to the Commiſſion, who are impowered to atteſt the Book if they ſee Cauſe. *Ibid.*

The Viſitors of the Synod-book of *Angus* and *Mearns* abſent, are referred to the Commiſſion to be cenſured, unleſs they give a relevant Excuſe, and other Viſitors appointed, to report to the Commiſſion, who are impowered to atteſt the Book. *Ibid.*

The Synod-books of *Roſs*, *Orkney*, *Dumfries*, *Galloway* *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, *Argyle*, *Fife*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, *Glenelg*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, and Presbytery-book of *Zetland* not being brought up, are appointed to be produced to the next Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Proteſtation admitted at the Inſtance of the Synod of *Aberdeen*, and Presbytery of *Alford*, againſt the Laird of *Cuſhney*, and other Pariſhioners of *Cuſhney*, for not inſiſting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the ſaid Synod appointing the Settlement of Mr. *Francis Adam*, as Miniſter of *Cuſhney*, and the ſaid Appeal declared void. *Ibid.*

Proteſtation admitted at the Inſtance of the Synod of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, and the Pariſhioners of *Dumbarny*, againſt the Town and Pariſh of *Lauder*, for not inſiſting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the ſaid Synod, tranſporting Mr. *James Lindſay* from *Lauder* to be Miniſter at *Dumbarny*, and the ſaid Appeal declared fallen from and void. *Ibid.*

I N D E X.

Liſt of Probationers in the Bounds of 48 Presbyteries produced, amounting to the Number of 182, and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

The Minutes of this Sederunt were read, the Minutes of former Sederunts being read at the Diets ſubſequent to each Sederunt. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to reviſe the Minutes of this Aſſembly's Proceedings, at this and all the other Diets thereof, and to pitch out ſuch of the Acts of this Aſſembly as are to be ſtanding Rules, or are of publick Uſe, in order to be printed. *Ibid.*

The ſaid Committee directed to diſtribute the Money collected on *Tueſday* laſt in the Aſſembly-houſe, for Relief of indigent Widows and Orphans of Miniſters, according to their reſpective Neceſſities. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Aſſembly, and to his Majeſty's Commiſſioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commiſſioner made a Speech in Return, and then the Aſſembly was concluded. *Ibid.*

F I N I S.